

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...very limited situation. I did...I did tell Senator Cudaback that if he would like, he could have 30 seconds or 45 seconds of my time, since there's such a long lineup. I have more to say, and I'll say it later. I would like to yield the rest of my time to Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Cudaback, you had 45 seconds, now you're down to 30.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay. For the sake of time, I guess we all do things and say things to get our thoughts on the record. I guess Senator Dierks does have an idea here, I wish that I could support this. I think we do want to have it on the record, I think for the sake of, because we're not really satisfied with the way we're going to vote, but in this case here I do think that in order that the courts don't make a decision, I think the NRDs, I think the water users have made this decision, and I think perhaps I put my faith in them rather than the court system. I'm not 100 percent satisfied, no. Senator Dierks does have an...has an idea here, but...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...I just simply can't support the court system, I'd rather go with the NRDs. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Hillman, followed by Senators Elmer and Jones.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, members. Senator Schrock passed out a map which has the colors on it with the ground level...ground water level changes in Nebraska. And I would like to have you take a look at the Panhandle. And if you'll notice, the North Platte River Basin and his remark that wherever you see surface irrigation you will notice how you don't see any disappearing water tables or any great problems. Coming from a district that is full of surface irrigators and there aren't, across the state, as Senator Dierks had mentioned, there aren't surface irrigators in his area, but there definitely are in mine. And I will tell you there are also ground and surface, both. There are times when a surface